

The 120th annual meeting of the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association was held on Saturday, February 18, 1989 at the Las Animas High School in Las Animas.

President Doug Hasser called the meeting to order and Corwin Brown gave the invocation. The members of the Southeastern Colorado Junior Cattlemen's Association led the pledge of Allegiance. Don Stwalley, President of the Las Animas-Bent County Chamber of Commerce gave the welcome.

Connie Harris, Southeast Colorado Cattlemen's President, gave a report on the activities of her group for the past year. She then introduced Marilyn Weber, Colorado Cattlemen's President, who reported on state Cattlemen's activities.

Reece Malles, President of Colorado Cattlemen's Ass'n, reported on the recent NCA convention where value based marketing and packer concentration were the big topics. He also reported on the brand bill, new Cattle Guard magazine, Stock Show pen of ten contest, and other CCA activities. Leslie Malles urged everyone to attend the CCA convention to be held in Durango, June 14, 15, 16 1989.

Trooper Clarence Golden of the State Patrol addressed the group about how his department is going about enforcing laws pertaining to movement of livestock on Colorado highways. Following his presentation he fielded questions from the members.

Doug then introduced Gary Shoun, Colorado's Brand Commissioner. He discussed the new brand bill and added to what Trooper Golden had to say about enforcing the laws. He also introduced Baca County sheriff, Willard Goff, and brand inspectors, Bill Means and Joe Corum.

Doug introduced Representative Elwood Gillis who announced that the Brand bill was out of committee and going to the floor next week, also that the Weed control bill was killed in committee. He then introduced Representative Chris Paulson the majority leader of the house of representatives.

Senator James Rizzuto was the next speaker. He addressed the state budget.

A bag of Vigortone Mineral donated by Dick Eichler was presented to Reece Malles for traveling the farthest to attend our meeting. A short break was held for the members to partake of coffee and donuts furnished by the Federal Land Bank of Lamar the Farm Credit Services of La Junta & Lamar.

President Hasser introduced Stephen Cline, President of the Southeastern Colorado Junior Cattlemen's Association. He reported on their election of officers and their summer meeting to be held in June with the Colorado Jr. Hereford Ass'n.

Karen Turner, district Aide to Congressman Hank Brown, read a letter from the congressman stating the the 1990 Farm Bill would be the next major hurdle for the cattlemen. He also stated that he was working on the unfair trade sanctions against beef from the U.S.

Corwin Brown, CCA President Elect, discussed the CCA and discussed the importance of membership and congratulated Doug Hasser and other Bent-Prowers members who were winners in the state membership contest. He introduced Lisa Bard Field, the Director of Communications for C.C.A.

Mel Depra, Area Wildlife Supervisor, thanked Bent-Prowers for their September Bar-B-Que for the D.O.W. Commission and staff. He also left a sign-up list for anyone wishing to purchase OPeration Game Thief and Operation Livestock Thief signs.

Copies of the minutes of last years annual meeting were distributed. Lew Mathews moved and Virgil Lessenden 2nd a motion to accept the minutes as printed. Motion passed.

Pat Karney gave the audit and budget reports [copy follows]. Ross Nielsen moved to accept the reports. 2nd by Kent Johnston. Motion passed.

Clyde McEndree gave the Bent-Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Endowment Trust financial report.[copy follows]. Joe Kasza moved we accept Clyde's report. 2nd by Mark McVey. Motion passed.

Resolutions Committee Chairman, Jim Schleining, then presented his committee's resolutions for consideration.

1. Prairie Dog Control on State Lands
2. Opposition of H.B. #1110- Weed Control Districts
3. Opposition to sales tax on agricultural supplies
4. Effective means of Prairie Dog control
5. Support of CCA committee recommendations for Brand Law
6. Thanks you's
7. Memorial to deceased members

Clyde McEndree moved we adopt all of the 7 resolutions. 2nd by Joe Hasser. Motion passed. [copies follow].

Joe Hasser moved that Bent-Prowers adopt a resolution asking for CCA to work with 1990 Legislature to raise the capitalization rate from 13% to 15%. 2nd by Clyde McEndree. Motion passed. Jim Schleining and Joe Hasser will draw up the resolution to be acted on later in the meeting.

Nominating committee chairman Joe Kasza gave the following report. President, Pat Karney: 1st Vice Pres, Jim Schleining; 2nd Vice Pres, Steve McEndree; Sec.-Treas, John Smartt; Imm past Pres, Doug Hasser; Past Pres, Joe Kasza; Past Pres, Virgil Lessenden; Baca County directors, Corwin Brown, Bill Sparks, Mark McVey, and Jess W. Perkins; Bent County directors, Arthur Davis, Teresa Keenan, Tom Pointon; Kiowa County, Rex Barlow Bruce Fickenscher, Jim Rehfeld, Kent Johnston; Otero County, John Campbell, David Mendenhall, Ross Nielsen, Steve Ptolemy; Prowers County, John DuVall, Ray Hays, James Heath.

Joe moved the adoption of this slate of officers and directors by unanimous ballot. 2nd by Lew Mathews. Passed.

Doug Hasser turned the meeting over to new President Pat Karney. Pat asked for a round of applause for Doug. Joe Kasza then presented Doug with a Belt Buckle from Bent-Prowers for his work as President.

Jim Schleining presented resolution #8 concerning the raising of the Capitalization rate.[copy follows]. Tom Pointon moved the adoption of this resolution. 2nd by Mark McVey. Passed.

George Ellicott thanked Bent-Prowers for their help in sponsoring the replacement heifer workshop held in Rocky Ford.

Virigl Lessenden moved that the meeting be adjourned. 2nd by Mark McVey. Passed.

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Saturday evening, February 18, 1989 the group met at St. Mary's School in Las Animas for the Cowboy Punchbowl and dinner.

A Bronze by Shala Perkins, donated by La Junta Mill, was auctioned off to raise money for the Bent-Prowers Trust. \$1400. was raised by this auction. A windmill was also auctioned off and raised \$600. for the trust..

The Southeast Colorado Cattlewomen also held an auction of front page spots on their new brand napkins.

Following the auction Jim Schleining gave the invocation. President Karney introduced the new officers and guests.

President Karney then introduced Dr. Dee Griffin, the guest speaker for the evening.

Following Dr. Griffin's talk, Jim Schleining presented an honorary Life membership award to Dr. Jim McMillin.

Nancy Barnes presented a quilt to H.H. Mendenhall from Bent-Prowers for his many years of service to Bent-Prowers and as Treasurer of C.C.A..

Reece Malles presented Randy and Trina Barnes with C.C.A. Life Memberships.

Resolution #1

Whereas prairie dogs are a major problem on both state land and privately owned land, and whereas the expense to control prairie dogs has been absorbed by the land owner or the lessee in the case of state lease land and,

Whereas the cost of control is extremely expensive to the lessee and, whereas the control is vital to the cattle industry,

Therefore be it resolved that the Bent-Powers Cattle and Horse Growers Association encourage the Colorado Cattlemen's Association to support efforts to have the Colorado State Land Board be responsible for the expense involved in controlling prairie dogs on state land at the same time as neighboring land owners are pursuing control.

Resolution 2

Whereas House Bill No. 1110 attempts to develop an Undesirable Plant Management Act and, whereas the cattle industry has opposed further government intervention and,

Whereas the development of a state advisory board, management districts, and district boards can be costly and,

Whereas the cost of hiring a district inspector and various deputies for each district would be burdensome on an already struggling agricultural economy and,

Whereas certain control methods could involve loss of use of land vital to the cattle industry for extended periods of time,

Therefore be it resolved that the Bent-Powers Cattle and Horse Growers Association go on record as opposing House Bill No. 1110.

Resolution #3

Whereas sales tax is levied on many supplies used by agriculture and, whereas this tax is unfair to Colorado businesses as other states are not required to collect sales tax on agriculture supplies and,

Whereas this tax is not in force in some of Colorado's neighboring states, many of the outlying producers go out of state to purchase supplies which is detrimental to local economies,

Therefore be it resolved that the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association urge the Colorado Cattlemen's Association to persuade the Colorado State Legislature

Resolution #4

Whereas prairie dogs have become an ever increasing problem to livestock producers in Southeastern Colorado, and whereas prairie dogs are extremely costly and,

Whereas the Environmental Protection Agency has banned the use of most controls known to be effective in controlling prairie dogs,

Therefore be it resolved that the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association urges the Colorado Cattlemen's Association to persuade the Environmental Protection Agency to release those controls for prairie dogs which have proved to be effective, and to allow them to be used in strengths which provide efficient control

Resolution #5

Whereas the Colorado brand law is necessary to the ranching industry and, whereas the brand law has proved effective against rustling and,

Whereas the cost of executing the Colorado brand law is ever increasing,

Therefore be it resolved that the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association support the Colorado Cattlemen's Association Brand and Theft committees recommendation to leave the current brand law and raise the caps on brand inspection to \$.40 per head and a \$7.50 service charge.

Resolution #6

Be it resolved that the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association take this opportunity to offer sincere thanks and appreciation to the companies, media, and individuals who have made us welcome here in Las Animas and so generously contributed to the success of this 120th annual meeting.

Resolution 7

Since our last annual meeting, many of our beloved and valued members passed to their reward. We who remain, have enjoyed and benefitted from their association, and we are saddened by their absence.

We share in the sorrow of their families and loved ones and to their memory, we pledge to support the principles which these great men and women, who have gone on before us, have firmly instilled in our Association.

We, the members of the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association, now stand to take a moment to memorialize our deceased members.

Resolution #8

Whereas the percentage change in the tax structure in the State of Colorado imposes more cost to the owners of agricultural land for the support of all local governmental entities and.

Whereas the only immediate relief to agricultural landowners would be to change the capitalization rate for landowners.

Therefore be it resolved that the Bent-Rowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association encourage the Colorado Cattlemen's Association to work with the 1990 General Assembly to raise the capitalization rate from 13% to 15%.